



News From Congresswoman Hilda L. Solis 32nd Congressional District of California

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SOLIS PRESENTS MILITARY MEDALS TO DUARTE VETERAN

DUARTE, CA- Today, Congresswoman Hilda L. Solis (CA-32) presented eight military commendations to honor the service of Duarte resident and World War II veteran, Ezequiel P. Lopez. Despite numerous unsuccessful attempts to secure his medals, Lopez contacted Congresswoman Solis for help.

“It is my honor to serve my constituents and I am glad to do my part to fulfill his dream. I strongly believe we should honor our veterans after their active duty has ended. I am pleased my office was able to secure his overdue and much deserved medals for his service to our country,” said Congresswoman Solis.

Mr. Lopez was born in Pasadena and served in the Army Air Corps, now known as the United States Air Force, during World War II from October 22, 1941, to October 5, 1945. He also served in the Army Reserves from 1945 to 1947. Before his service in the Army Air Corps, he attended the Civilian Conservation Corps. He and his wife Lillian Lopez have two children, six grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Mr. Lopez received the following citations: Bronze Star Medal, Presidential Unit Citation, World War II Honorable Service Lapel Button, American Campaign Medal, American Defense Service Medal, Army's Good Conduct Medal, European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal and World War II Victory Medal.

The medal presentation occurred at the Duarte Senior Center. Among those in attendance were: Mayor of Duarte, Margaret Finlay, Council Members Paras, Fasana, Reyes and Gaston, local Duarte residents and family and friends of Mr. Lopez.

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